

including a main container body, at least one secondary container body connected to the main container body, and *a collar interposed between and communicating with said main container body and at least one secondary container body, said collar having an axis not parallel to an axis of said main container body and an axis of said at least one secondary container body* (emphasis added in Italic).

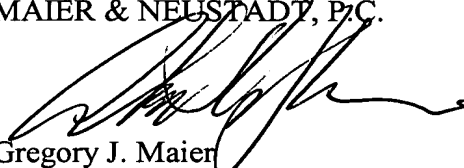
The outstanding Office Action asserts that Hoffa discloses a glass product as recited in Claim 1. However, it is respectfully submitted that Hoffa does not teach “a collar interposed between and communicating with said main container body and at least one secondary container body, said collar having an axis not parallel to an axis of said main container body and an axis of said at least one secondary container body” as recited in Claim 1. Hoffa, on the other hand, discloses the flange 4 provided at the terminal end of the recess 5, clearly not interposed between the recess 5 and body 1, and the flange 4 which is simply provided around the terminal end of the recess 5 apparently has an axis parallel to the axis of the recess 5. Furthermore, Hoffa fails to disclose or suggest that the flange 4 be interposed between the recess 5 and body 1. Nor does Hoffa disclose or suggest any methods by which the flange 4 is interposed between the recess 5 and body 1. As such, the structure recited in Claim 1 is believed to be clearly distinguishable from Hoffa, and thus is not believed to be anticipated thereby.

For the foregoing reasons, Claim 1 is believed to be allowable. Furthermore, since Claims 2-5 ultimately depend from Claim 1, substantially the same arguments set forth above also apply to these dependent claims. Hence, Claims 2-5 are believed to be allowable as well.

In view of the discussions presented above, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance, and an early action favorable to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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